IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1228 OF 2005

Surendra Subedar Shukla ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr.R.S.Dwivedi for Applicant.

Mr.K.V.Saste, A.P.P. for Respondent.

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**CORAM: A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2005.**

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1. Heard Counsel for the parties.

2. In view of the seriousness of the offence and material to connect the Applicant with the commission of the crime, including recovery of chopper from the taxi in which the Applicant and co-accused were travelling, and that taxi was driven by the Applicant, and is owned by him, not a case for bail.

3. I find substance in the reason recorded by the Court below that cash property is yet to be recovered and co-accused are still absconding. In this view of the matter, not a case for bail. Hence, rejected.

4. As the investigation is complete and charge-sheet is filed, prayer for bail is rejected. The Principal Judge of Sessions Court, Greater Bombay, is directed to assign the case to the Fast Track Court, if already not done, to ensure early disposal of the trial as 'High Court Expedited Case'. The Trial Court shall proceed with the trial, separating the case of the absconding co-accused from the accused already in custody or on bail, as the case may be.

A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.